

**JULY 19, 2007                      MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING**

Present at meeting:      Ralph Bentley                      Supervisor  
                                    Frank Hill                              Councilman  
                                    Ken Higgins                          Councilman  
                                    Robert Olson                        Councilman  
                                    Shirley Hayes                        Councilman

Mark Schachner              Town Attorney  
Paul Smith                      Highway Superintendent  
Arlene Mayer                  Town Clerk

Also: Sandy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Leidy, Mr. & Mrs. Trudsoe, Poul Carstensen, Charles Lewis, Skip Ostrander, Harry Balz, Joe Dooris, Brandon Himoff.  
Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

REPORTS- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Highway Garage, Assessor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes of June 21<sup>st</sup> were approved by Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

APPROVAL OF JULY ABSTRACTS-

**RESOLUTION NO. 86 OF 2007**

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 86 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE JULY ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the July Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 162-186	\$79,696.92
General Vouchers # 182-210	\$33,454.70
Highway Abstracts # 18 & 19	\$ 9,789.85
General Abstracts # 18 & 19	\$17,089.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

COMMUNICATIONS-

Warren County Treasurer	RE: Bed Tax Monies
Yorktown Rod & Gun Club	RE: Thank you to Hwy. Superintendent
Office of the Aging	RE: Thank you to Supervisor Bentley
Judy Perry	RE: Request to close portion of road
W.C. D.P.W.	RE: Report of Upper Dam
Theresa Grazda	RE: Use of Comm. Center for Drivers Course
Sylvia Parker	RE: Lighted Campaign Signs

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS:

Road closure- Councilman Hill said he did not see any problem with closing this small portion of Red Wing Road as requested. There are other ways vehicles can get around. The clerk was instructed to notify the Sheriff's Department, DPW, Fire Company and Emergency Squad regarding the date and time of closure.

**RESOLUTION NO. 87 OF 2007**

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 87 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSURE  
OF PORTION OF RED WING RD.**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the closure of Red Wing Road from the Adirondack General Store up to Church Street on August 19<sup>th</sup> from the hours of 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM. The closure is for a "street party". The clerk will notify the proper authorities of the closure.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Upper Dam- Supervisor Bentley reported that the County has received approval from DEC to repair the bridge wing wall and to be lead agency to secure funds to replace the dam and bridge.

Driving Course- Mrs. Hayes said she felt it was a good idea for the Town to allow this to be held at the Community Center as it will benefit local people who need to take the course. Councilman Hill informed the Board that this is not a non-profit use because Mrs. Grazda is running a business teaching this course. The following Resolution was then introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 88 OF 2007**

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 88 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO PERMIT DRIVING  
COURSE AT COMMUNITY CENTER**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby permit Mrs. Theresa Grazda to use the Horicon Community Center to teach a 5 hour pre-licensing driving course once a month on a Saturday.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Lighted Signs- Discussion regarding lighted election signs. Attorney Schachner said these are only temporary signs and are not governed under the sign regulations. Councilman Olson said he does not want to see limitations on temporary election signs.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Adirondack Honor Roll- Councilman Hill is waiting for prices from the sign company.

Update from APA- No written communication from APA, only oral message from Brian Grisi saying the attorney is working on wording to clarify some things regarding pre-existing subdivisions.

Highway Superintendent's Report- Superintendent Smith reported on the hydro seeding done so far. The paving is completed for a cost of approximately \$100,000.00. The CHIPS Program reimburses the Town for \$78,000.00, leaving \$22,000.00 to be paid by Horicon. Mr. Smith reported on the continued theft of road signs. He has just ordered 14 replacement signs, 6 posts and 6 u-caps at a cost of \$789.00. The Sheriff's Department complained that they can't identify many of the roads. Mr. Leidy asked if there is some kind of a pattern with the sign thefts and if other Town's are having the same problem. We have had problems in the past, but not this bad. Supervisor Bentley said some signs have been taken using a cutting tool. Mr. Himoff suggested having signs stamped on back "Property of Horicon" to at least identify where they are from.

Watering Tub Repair- Supervisor Bentley has heard from Commissioner Joe Koch of the Schroon Lake Park District. He said they agreed the Town can move forward on having the new watering tub put in. Supervisor Bentley reported that Blair Gregson has asked for half of the agreed on price so he can continue to work on it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 89 OF 2007**

Mr. Hill and Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 89 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO BLAIR GREGSON**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of \$2,500.00 to Blair Gregson for the construction of a new watering tub. The remainder of the contracted price to be paid upon completion of project.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**NEW BUSINESS-**

Buoys in water between the Schroon Lake Boat Launch and the Narrows. Resident called reporting that the buoys were not set up in the same way as they were last year, which had worked out so well. DEC set them up

last year according to Town’s request, and either they spaced them further apart, or one is missing this year. Supervisor Bentley will contact DEC.

Soil & Water- A letter from the County saying they will put in a dry hydrant for free if we get request in immediately. Supervisor Bentley will request one at the new highway construction site.

RESOLUTIONS-

**RESOLUTION NO. 90 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 90 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BED TAX  
MONIES FROM WARREN COUNTY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby accept the amount of \$2,579.03 of Bed Tax Monies from Warren County. Monies to be used in accordance with the Agreement previously signed.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 91 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the bookkeeper to make the following fund transfers:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Highway		
5110.4(Gen. Rep.)	5112.4 CHIPS	\$22,867.08
5140.1(Mis. Brush)	5130.2 (Mach. Eq.)	\$ 294.66
5140.1(Mis. Brush)	5140.4 (Brush Con.)	\$ 3,000.00
General		
1990.4 (Cont.)	1330.4 (Tax Con.)	\$ 319.14
1990.4 (Cont.)	3100.4 (Traffic)	\$ 1,000.00
1990.4 (Cont.)	6510.4 (Veterans)	\$ 945.97
1990.4 (Cont.)	6772.4 (Aging)	\$ 2,000.00
7310.1 (Youth)	7310.4 (Youth Con.)	\$ 900.00
8810.1 (Cem. Per.)	8810.2 (Cem. Eq.)	\$ 3,000.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2007**

Messrs. Higgins & Olson introduced Res. 92 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon has received a check from our insurance company to pay for repair of damages to a highway vehicle, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendment be authorized:

Increase: D510	Estimated Revenues	\$2,358.05
	D2680 Insurance Recovery	
Increase: D960	Appropriations	\$2,358.05
Increase: D5130.4	Machinery Contractual	\$2,358.05

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR-

Museum- Mr. Johansen reported that the Town’s historical markers need to be sandblasted and painted. Mr. Johansen has spoken with Matt Wood and he can do the necessary work. The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2007**

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson introduced Res. 93 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE WORK ON SIGNS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Matt Wood to sandblast and repaint the historical markers in the Town of Horicon.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

Mr. Bill Trudsoe complained about visibility on the corner of Short Street and Valentine Pond Road. Mr. Trudsoe had requested trees be cut. Highway Superintendent Paul Smith said the property is on a Warren County right-a-way and they didn't cut back properly. Mr. Smith sent some men over to trim trees even though it was County property. Supervisor Bentley said the day Mr. Trudsoe called him, he called the County and they went over and ripped out a few of the bushes. The problem is that it is hard to get rid of bamboo. HS Smith reminded Mr. Trudsoe that the site in question is the County's and they are responsible for taking care of it.

This being all the business for the regular meeting, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:30 PM by MOTION of Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley announced that former personnel will be discussed.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:45 PM by MOTION of Mr. Higgins & Mrs. Hayes, all ayes.

Supervisor Bentley announced that a situation pertaining to a former highway employee was discussed and the following Resolution was then introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2007**

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 94 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO  
APPEAL DECISION MADE BY NYS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Town Attorney Mark Schachner to begin the appeal process to the New York State Department of Labor regarding unemployment insurance to a former highway employee.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by MOTION of Mr. Olson and Mrs. Hayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk